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(d) The following is a list of concerns at present test-audited by Messrs. Fraser & Ross :—

- (1) Government Industrial Institute, Madras
- (2) Nilambur Valley forests.
- (3) Willingdon House, Ootacamund.
- (4) Wynad forests.
- (5) Mount Stuart Working Circle.
- (6) Industrial Engineer's Workshop.
- (7) Leather Trades Institute.
- (8) Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor.
- (9) Cinchona Department.
- (10) Government Industrial Institute, Madras.

In addition to the work of test-audit, Messrs. Fraser & Ross draw out trading and profit and loss accounts and balance sheets for these concerns. Of these, Nos. (1), (2), (5), (6), (9) and (10) have been commercialised from 1st April 1925 and Messrs. Fraser & Ross will from that date do the complete audit as they now do for the Russellkonda Saw Mill, the Kerala Soap Institute and the Chaliyam Cannery.

Management of the Fruit Preserving Institute at Coonoor.

* 59 Q.—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor, is to be placed under the management of a party unconnected with the Industries Department and unacquainted with the line of work;

(b) whether the party runs a dairy farm at Ootacamund and has no experience at all of jam-making and fruit-preservation; and

(c) whether Government are satisfied that there is none in the Industries Department at present who could be entrusted with the management of the Institute on grounds of economy and better results?

A.—(a) & (b) A temporary Business Manager has been appointed from outside the department in place of the late Manager who was also appointed on a temporary basis from outside the department. The Manager's duties are connected with the business side of the concern and especially the sales of the products of the Institute and not with the manufacturing processes which are supervised by the factory assistant. The former is a whole-time officer and has no connexion with any dairy at Ootacamund. He has no experience of jam-making.

(c) No suitable officer was available in the department.

The post of Rubber Mycologist.

* 60 Q.—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) when the post of Rubber Mycologist was created; and

(b) what are the duties assigned to the incumbent holding the post?

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- A.—(a) The post was sanctioned temporarily by the Secretary of State in July 1919 and an officer was appointed to the post on the 16th May 1921. His period of contract expired on the 15th May 1925.
- (b) The officer was appointed to investigate diseases affecting rubber. The entire cost of the officer was met by the United Planters Association of Southern India to whom his services were lent during the period of his contract.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Civil Justice.

Local limits of jurisdiction of the District Courts at Chittoor and North Arcot.

61 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state why the revenue limits of the Chittoor and North Arcot districts have been departed from in fixing the local limits of jurisdiction to the District Courts at Chittoor and North Arcot respectively?

A.—The revenue limits have been departed from on considerations of language, convenience of litigants and distribution of work among judicial officers.

Electricity.

Hydro-electric schemes.

62 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHEPPIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) whether Government have come to any final decision as regards the Pykara hydro-electric scheme;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government are deputing somebody to Europe to study the subject of hydro-electric schemes;
- (c) if so, the expenses incurred or likely to be incurred in connexion with such deputation;
- (d) whether it is not possible to procure the services of an expert locally otherwise than by deputing somebody to Europe to study the subject;
- (e) whether Government are aware there is an expert in hydro-electricity in the service of the South Indian Railway Company; and
- (f) if so, whether Government have any idea of securing his services for the Pykara scheme?

A.—(a) Negotiations are still in progress.

(b) No. The Electrical Inspector is being allowed to visit various engineering firms during his leave, but his studies will cover all kinds of electrical engineering.

(c) to (f) Do not therefore arise.

Licence to the Electric Supply Companies at Kanadukathan and Karaikudi.

63 Q.—MR. P. N. MARTHANDAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) whether it is a fact that an Electric Supply Corporation is now working under the grant of a licence at Kanadukathan and whether they have applied for a further licence for extending the sphere of their operation;